

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE IN FULL

TO : DIR

INFO:

FROM: SGUAT 138

INFO: FBHISTORY

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CUTTING

OK NR. 471

DATE FORW: 10 AUG 54

REF: DIR 12215
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~~URGENT~~ PRIORITY

1. All documents now made known to COMITE. Regime anxious to receive favorable publicity from FBHISTORY. Thus have given green light to overt and covert exploitation. Source of documents is "COMITE DE DEFENSA NACIONAL CONTRA EL COMUNISMO" to be translated as "NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE AGAINST COMMUNISM". This is a Guatemalan government group assaying records of past regime to study methods of obviating future commie operation. Suggest your releases do not stress commie-hunting angle of document research overmuch to avoid GESTAPO label. In fact COMITE will reveal and reward anti communists, Provide background for fight against communism in other countries.

2. Have told COMITE that gray booklet documents were sent FBPRIME 7th August for immediate preparation overt release. OK with regime.

3. Suggest your release be timed with local press conference suggested by FBHISTORY to be held 12th August. At this time document and general pitch will be given local and international press. Thus your release should be 12th August for 13th August publication. Will advise exact local release.

END OF MESSAGE